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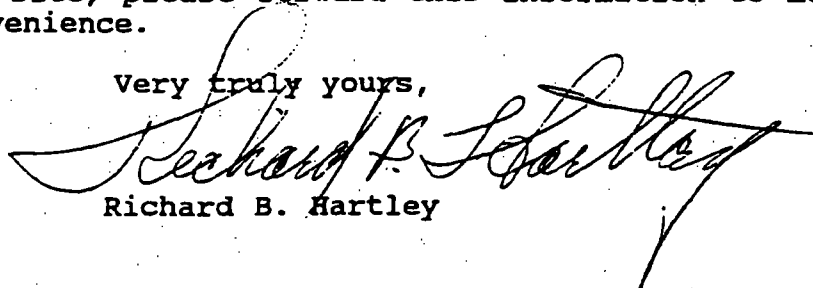
Re: Vallet Paint Service Company
Dura Landfill Site, Toledo, Ohio
Response to CERCLA Section 104(e) and RCRA Section
3007 Information Request

Dear Ms. Beasley:

Pursuant to correspondence from T. Leverett Nelson dated February 4, 1993, and without admission of any fault, violation, or liability, and with full reservation of any and all defenses and objections, Vallet Paint Service Company ("Vallet Paint") hereby submits its responses to U.S. EPA's CERCLA Section 104(e) and RCRA Section 3007 Information Request regarding the Dura Landfill Site in Toledo, Ohio. As you are aware, Vallet Paint was originally granted an extension of time in which to respond to this Request until March 25, 1993, which extension was recently lengthened until April 5, 1993. Vallet Paint's responses are based on a thorough review of the minimal relevant records in its custody, control or possession, and on discussions with appropriate personnel and present and former Vallet Paint employees.

To the extent additional relevant information is discovered, Vallet Paint will provide it to your office promptly. Similarly, if U.S. EPA possesses information or records which suggest to the Agency that Vallet Paint may be a PRP under CERCLA with respect to the Dura Landfill Site, please forward this information to me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



Richard B. Hartley

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**VALLET PAINT SERVICE COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO U.S. EPA'S REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 104(e) OF CERCLA AND SECTION 3007
OF RCRA**

Vallet Paint Service Company ("Vallet Paint") hereby responds to U.S. EPA's CERCLA Section 104(e) and RCRA Section 3007 Information Request dated February 4, 1993, with regard to the Dura Landfill Site, Toledo, Ohio (the "Site").

Before responding to the individual Information Requests, Vallet Paint hereby interposes a continuing objection to the Information Request dated February 4, 1993, and the "Instructions" included with the Information Request. To the extent the letter dated February 4, 1993 enclosing the Instructions and the Information Requests is deemed to contain instructions to Vallet Paint in responding to the Information Requests, Vallet Paint objects to this letter as well. Vallet Paint interposes this objection because the Information Requests, the Instructions and the February 4, 1993 letter exceed U.S. EPA's information gathering authority pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e) and 42 U.S.C. Section 6927.

In addition, Vallet Paint hereby reserves the right to raise objections to the February 4, 1993 Information Requests, including the Instructions and cover letter, in the future.

Subject to and without waiving this objection and reservation of rights, and without admission of any fault, violation, or liability, Vallet Paint responds as follows to the February 4, 1993 Information Request:

REQUESTS

1. Identify all persons consulted in the preparation of each and every answer to these Information Requests.

RESPONSE: The following is a list of all such persons. Please be advised that all of the following are employees or former employees of Vallet Paint or are its legal counsel. In providing this information, Vallet Paint does not consent to unauthorized contact of its employees or former employees without reasonable prior notice to Vallet Paint. Further, Vallet Paint requests that this information be held as confidential.

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Counter Person/Driver/
Paint Mixer

Warehouseman/Paint
Mixer

Paint Mixer

Driver/Counter Person/
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The response to this Information Request, and all subsequent responses, were prepared by legal counsel for Vallet Paint with the assistance of Richard B. Hartley, the President of Vallet Paint and the individual who conducted the interviews of the current and former Vallet Paint employees listed above.

2. Identify all documents consulted, examined, or referred to in the preparation of the answers to these Requests and provide copies of all such documents.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, there are no documents in existence dating from 1950 to 1980 upon which Vallet Paint could rely in the preparation of its responses to these Information Requests. However, an August 28, 1990 affidavit of an unknown, alleged former Vallet Paint employee was consulted, examined, or referred to in connection with the interviewing of current and former Vallet Paint employees that was done in order to respond to the instant Information Requests. The affidavit, with the signature of the affiant redacted, was obtained from counsel for the City of Toledo during the initial stages of discovery in the cost recovery action which has been filed by the City of Toledo in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. A copy of the affidavit is attached as Exhibit A hereto.

3. If Respondent has reason to believe that there may be persons able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any Information Request or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, identify such persons.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, there are no persons able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any Information Request or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents. To the extent that Vallet Paint learns the identity of such persons in the future, Vallet Paint will supplement its responses to these Information Requests accordingly.

4. List the EPA Identification Numbers of the Respondent if applicable.

RESPONSE: Vallet Paint's current generator identification number is OHD 018 385 419. Vallet Paint has no other EPA Identification Numbers.

5. Identify all end-products (including trade names if appropriate) produced, formulated, processed, manufactured, or otherwise created by each of Respondent's companies, subsidiaries, parent corporations, predecessors, successors, and/or other business entities that generated, used, transported, treated, stored, disposed or otherwise handled hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, or solid wastes that may have went to the Site between 1950 and 1980. In addition, identify the following:

- a. the chemical content, characteristics and physical state (e.g., solid, liquid) of each end-product;

- b. the dates during which each end-product was produced, formulated, processed, manufactured, or otherwise created by Respondent;
- c. the quantities produced of each end-product;
- d. the manufacturing process (es) that generated each end-product. If any such manufacturing or other process has changed or been modified or altered during the period 1950 to 1980, indicate the date and manner of such change, alteration or modification;
- e. the wastes or waste byproducts created during or as a result of each of the manufacturing processes listed in the answer to subpart d) above.

RESPONSE: Vallet Paint is now, and has always been, engaged in the wholesale sale of both maintenance (house and commercial) and automobile paints and associated products. Historically, the majority of Vallet Paint's business has consisted of the distribution of paints, thinners and reducers which are sold in the unopened cans in which they are purchased. The remainder of Vallet Paint's business involves the sale of paints which are mixed or blended in Vallet Paint's stores.

Vallet Paint mixes/blends paints whenever a customer requests a color or shade of paint which is not typically stocked by Vallet Paint. In such situations, different color paint bases are mixed or blended together in order to achieve the desired shade or color. Paint thinners or reducers are not utilized in the mixing or blending process in any way.

To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, the only wastes which result from the mixing or blending process consist of empty paint cans which contain minor amounts of paint residue, small amounts of paint residue which is scraped off of paint stir sticks, and possibly some rags which are used to wipe up any minor spillage which might result from the mixing process. Historically, any and all paint mismixes were either sold for a reduced amount or donated to area vocational schools for use in their instructional and/or training programs. Today, mismixes are sold at a reduced value.

See response to Information Request No. 10, infra.

- 6. Identify all hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants and/or solid wastes purchased, produced, formulated, processed, used, or otherwise handled by each of Respondent's companies, subsidiaries, parent corporations, predecessors, successors, and/or other business entities that generated, used, transported, treated,

stored, disposed or otherwise handled hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, or solid wastes that may have went to the Site between 1950 and 1980. In addition, identify the following:

- a. the chemical composition, characteristics and physical state (e.g., solid, liquid) of each hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, or solid waste;
- b. the dates during which each hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, or solid waste was purchased, produced, formulated, processed, used, or otherwise handled by Respondent;
- c. the quantities of each hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, or solid waste;
- d. how such hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, or solid wastes were acquired by Respondent;
- e. the manufacturing process that generated and/or used each hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, or solid wastes. If any such manufacturing or other process has changed or been modified or altered during the period 1950 to 1980, indicate the date and manner of such change, alteration or modification;
- f. the wastes or waste byproducts created in association with the use of such hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant;
- g. the storage and disposal procedures and/or methods used for such hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant, or waste or waste byproduct identified above.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants and/or solid wastes have never been purchased, produced, formulated, processed, or used by Vallet Paint. As stated in response to the preceding Information Request, the only materials purchased, produced, formulated, processed, or used by Vallet Paint consist of maintenance (house and commercial) and automobile paints, thinners, reducers and associated items. All such materials are either products which are purchased by Vallet Paint and sold in the unopened containers in which they came, or, in the case of Vallet Paint's mixing or blending operations, different color paint bases which are mixed or blended in order to achieve a certain desired shade or color.

7. Identify the acts or omissions of any person, other than Respondent's employees, contractors, or agents, that may have caused the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site, and damages resulting therefrom.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, the only acts or omissions of any other person that may have caused the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants at the Site were disclosed to Vallet Paint by Robert Cairns, one of the former Vallet Paint employees that was interviewed in connection with preparation of Vallet Paint's responses to these Information Requests. The interview with Mr. Cairns revealed that he was once employed by Textileather in Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Cairns stated that during his employment with Textileather, he used to dump two or three loads of raw chemicals per day in the Southeast Chemical Disposal Area ("SECD") at the site. Mr. Cairns stated further that the chemicals were the waste which resulted from the production of vinyl by Textileather.

Mr. Cairns was employed by Vallet Paint as a driver and a paint mixer from 1954 to 1956. His duties included, among other things, the hauling of waste, consisting of empty paint cans, cardboard boxes and paper, to the Site. Notably, Mr. Cairns stated that none of Vallet Paint's waste was ever disposed of in the SECD, nor were paints or thinners ever disposed of anywhere at the Site by Vallet Paint.

8. Identify all persons or businesses who are or may be responsible for the liabilities of the Respondent arising from or relating to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances or materials or solid wastes at the Site, including but not limited to successors and individuals.

RESPONSE: First of all, Vallet Paint denies that it is in any way liable for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances or materials or solid wastes at the Site. If, however, Vallet Paint were to incur such liabilities, to the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, the entity which may be responsible for any liabilities of Vallet Paint would be the Vallet Paint corporate entity itself. Vallet Paint is unaware of any successors and/or individuals which might be responsible for any such liability.

9. Identify all persons, including Respondent's employees, having knowledge or information about the generation, use, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal or other handling of materials, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, or solid wastes at or to the Site by you, your contractors, or by prior owners and/operators.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, all persons with knowledge or information about the generation, use, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal or other handling of materials, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, or solid wastes at or to the Site by Vallet Paint have been identified in response to Information Request No. 1 above. The only other individual who may have possessed such knowledge or information was Oscar Bell, the owner and operator of the trucking company that, for a portion of the time between 1950 and 1980, was responsible for the hauling of Vallet Paint's solid wastes for disposal. However, to the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, Oscar Bell passed away several years ago.

10. Did you ever use, purchase, store, treat, dispose, transport or otherwise handle any hazardous substances or materials, or solid wastes at or to the Site? If the answer to the preceding question is anything but an unqualified "no", identify:

a. the hazardous substance, material, or solid waste;

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, it never used, purchased, stored, treated, disposed of, transported or otherwise handled any hazardous substances or materials at or to the Site. As far as Vallet Paint has been able to determine, the only materials which it disposed of at the Site were the solid wastes generated as a result of its normal day-to-day business operations.

As stated previously in response to Information Request No. 5, the interviewing that was conducted in order to respond to these Information Requests indicated that Vallet Paint's solid wastes consisted of cardboard boxes (which were broken down after their contents were removed and put on the shelf for sale), paper products, empty cans (from mixing or blending operations) which contained minor amounts of paint residue, small amounts of paint residue which was scraped off of paint stir sticks, and, possibly, some rags which were used to wipe up minor amounts of paint spillage which resulted from the mixing or blending process. To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, it never disposed of paint, thinners, reducers, or any other liquid or chemical wastes at or to the Site, nor does Vallet Paint believe that it disposed of 55 gallon drums, whether empty or full, at or to the Site. As far as Vallet Paint has been able to determine, empty 55 gallon drums which were accumulated and/or collected from its customers were sold to various drum refinishers in the City of Toledo, possibly Toledo Drum or Benedix Steel Drum. Furthermore, to the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, paint mismixes

were either sold at a reduce value or donated to various vocational schools in the area for use in their instructional and/or training programs.

Vallet Paint would point out, however, that it utilized the affidavit referenced in response to Information Request No. 2 above in the interviewing process that was conducted in order to respond to these Information Requests. The affidavit is, to the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, the only piece of evidence which allegedly links Vallet Paint to the disposal of hazardous substances at or to the Site. The affidavit was supposedly taken by City of Toledo investigators in connection with the City's cost recovery action which has been filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The City of Toledo investigators have led Vallet Paint to believe that the affiant is a Mr. Larry Sherwin, one of Vallet Paint's former employees.

Vallet Paint interviewed Mr. Sherwin both in 1990, when it was made aware of the existence of the above-referenced affidavit, and recently, in order to prepare its responses to these Information Requests. Notably, when Mr. Sherwin was contacted in 1990, he stated that although he was not the source of the affidavit, he did not disagree with its contents. When contacted recently, however, he stated that he did give a statement to the City of Toledo, but that the affidavit at issue herein did not appear to be his statement. Mr. Sherwin then stated that according to his recollection, he did take a number of 5 gallon paint cans with residue in them to the Site, as well as a few 55 gallon and 16 gallon drums from Matlack Industries which contained waste.

Nevertheless, every other current and former employee interviewed by Vallet Paint indicated that the statements contained in the affidavit at issue herein are inaccurate, incorrect, and untrue. In addition, every current and former employee interviewed disagrees with the statements made by Mr. Sherwin. Therefore, to the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, Vallet Paint denies that the statements contained in the affidavit at issue herein, and those made by Mr. Sherwin, are true, accurate, and correct, and does not admit that such disposal activities ever occurred.

- b. the chemical composition, characteristics, physical state (e.g., solid, liquid) of each hazardous substance, material, or solid waste;

RESPONSE: See response to subpart a. above.

- c. who supplied you with such hazardous substance, material or solid waste;

RESPONSE: See response to subpart a. above.

- d. how such hazardous substance, material or solid waste was used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;

RESPONSE: See response to subpart a. above. In addition, Vallet Paint would state that its solid wastes were initially transported to the Site by Vallet Paint employees using a company pickup truck. Thereafter, sometime in the late 1960s, Vallet Paint contracted with Oscar Bell Trucking for the hauling and disposal of its solid wastes. However, Vallet Paint does not have any knowledge, information, or belief as to whether Oscar Bell Trucking hauled Vallet Paint's solid wastes to the Site. As mentioned previously, Oscar Bell is deceased.

- e. when such hazardous substance, material or solid waste was used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;

RESPONSE: See response to subpart d. above.

- f. where such hazardous substance, material or solid waste was used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you; and

RESPONSE: See response to subpart d. above. In addition, Vallet Paint would state that the interviews conducted of its current and former employees indicated that during the period of time when Vallet Paint hauled its own solid wastes to the Site, it was always directed, by the City of Toledo employees running the Site, where at the Site the solid wastes were to be dumped. Notably, each and every current and former employee with knowledge of where at the Site Vallet Paint's solid wastes were dumped, including Larry Sherwin, stated that Vallet Paint's solid wastes were dumped in the general solid waste portion of the Site. Said employees stated further that they always dumped in the vicinity of a bulldozer which would constantly cover the solid wastes as soon as they were dumped. Lastly, said employees also stated that Vallet Paint's solid wastes were always dumped in the same section of the Site that was used for general garbage disposal by the City of Toledo itself.

Significantly, no current or former employee of Vallet Paint, including Larry Sherwin, indicated that Vallet Paint's solid wastes were ever dumped in the SECDA at the Site. In fact, any and all current or former employees with knowledge of the

SECDA stated expressly that Vallet Paint's solid wastes were never disposed of in the SECDA. See also the response to Information Request No. 7 above.

- g. the quantity of such hazardous substance, material or solid waste was used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, Vallet Paint's employees hauled its solid wastes to the Site on a weekly basis, usually on Saturdays. As far as Vallet Paint has been able to determine, the weekly quantity of such solid wastes was approximately two or three large cardboard boxes full of the solid wastes identified in response to Information Request No. 10a. above.

11. Identify all persons, including, but not limited to the Respondent, who may have arranged for disposal or treatment or arranged for transportation for disposal or treatment of Respondent's hazardous substances, materials, or solid wastes at or to the Site. In addition, identify the following:

- a. the hazardous substance or material or solid waste;
- b. the chemical composition, characteristics, physical state (e.g., solid, liquid) of each hazardous substance or material or solid waste;
- c. the process for which each hazardous substance or material or solid waste was used or the process which generated the hazardous substance or material or solid waste;
- d. the person(s) with whom Respondent or such other persons made arrangements for disposal or treatment or transportation for disposal or treatment of hazardous substances or materials or solid wastes.
- e. the nature and extent of each arrangement that existed between Respondent and each such person;
- f. the time period during which each arrangement existed between Respondent and each such person;
- g. where such hazardous substance or material or solid waste was used, purchased, generated, stored, treated, transported, disposed or otherwise handled by you;
- h. the date of every transaction on which each hazardous substance or material or solid waste was so transported to or accepted for transport at or to the Site;

- i. the quantity (weight or volume) of such hazardous substance or material or solid waste involved in each transaction and the total quantity for all transactions;
- j. all tests, analyses, and analytical results concerning the hazardous substances, materials or solid waste;
- k. the amount paid in connection with each transaction, the method of payment, and the identity of the person making the payment;
- l. the person(s) who selected the Site as the place where the hazardous substances, materials or solid would be disposed;
- m. where the person identified in subpart 1) above, intended to have such hazardous substances, materials or solid waste transported and all evidence of this intent;
- n. whether the hazardous substances, materials or hazardous waste involved in each transaction were transshipped through, or were stored or held at, any intermediate site prior to final treatment or disposal;
- o. what was actually done to the hazardous substances, materials or solid wastes once they were brought to the Site;
- p. the final disposition of each of the hazardous substances, materials or solid waste involved in such transactions;
- q. the measures taken by Respondent to determine the actual methods, means, and site of treatment or disposal of the hazardous substances, materials or solid waste involved in each transaction;
- r. the type and number of containers in which the hazardous substances, materials or solid waste were contained when they were accepted for transport, and subsequently until they were deposited at the Site, and all markings on such containers;
- s. the price charged for transport and/or disposal per drum, barrel, container, load (or whatever unit used) of hazardous substance or material or solid waste brought to the Site.

RESPONSE: As stated in response to Information Request Nos. 9 and 10d. above, the only persons who may have arranged for disposal or arranged for transportation for disposal of Vallet Paint's solid wastes at or to the Site are the Vallet Paint

employees listed in response to Information Request No. 1 above and Oscar Bell of Oscar Bell Trucking. As stated previously, Oscar Bell is deceased. See responses to Information Request Nos. 9 and 10 above.

To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, Vallet Paint has no documents or other knowledge or information pertaining to the specifics of the disposal of its solid wastes at or to the Site and/or the specific nature of any of its solid wastes disposed of at or to the Site.

12. Produce all documents relating to the transportation, delivery, treatment, storage, disposal, or handling of materials, hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, or solid waste at or to the Site, including but not limited to the following:

- a. manifests, shipping records, logs or other records regarding the transportation, delivery, shipment, disposal or handling of hazardous substances, materials or solid wastes to at the Site;
- b. all invoices, evidence of payment, and other records relating to billing for the transportation, delivery, shipment, disposal or handling of hazardous substances, materials or solid waste to or at the Site.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, Vallet Paint has no documents responsive to this Information Request.

13. Identify all liability insurance policies held by Respondent from 1950 to 1980. In identifying such policies, state the name and address of each insurer and of the insured, the amount of coverage under each policy, the commencement and expiration dates for each policy, whether the policy contains a "pollution exclusion" clause, and whether the policy covers or excludes sudden, non-sudden or both types of accidents. In lieu of providing this information, Respondent may submit complete copies of all relevant insurance policies.

RESPONSE: To the best of Vallet Paint's knowledge, information, and belief, any liability insurance policies held by Vallet Paint between 1950 and 1980 were issued by Roemer Insurance Incorporated, 3912 Sunforest Court, Toledo, Ohio. However, Vallet Paint has no copies of any such policies, nor does it have any knowledge or information concerning the content of such policies including, but not limited to, the amount of coverage under each policy, the commencement and expiration dates for each policy, whether the policy contains a "pollution exclusion" clause, and whether the policy covers or excludes sudden, non-sudden or both types of accidents.

14. Provide copies of all income tax returns sent to the Federal Internal Revenue Service in the last five years.

RESPONSE: The documents responsive to this Information Request are contained in Exhibit B hereto. Vallet Paint requests that all documents included in Exhibit B be treated as confidential business records pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2. Vallet Paint has taken and intends to continue taking reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the records, including restricting access to the records, and maintaining that the records are not obtainable without Vallet Paint's consent.

Please note, however, that Vallet Paint's tax returns for 1992 have not yet been prepared. Therefore, Vallet Paint will supplement its response to this Information Request with copies of its 1992 tax returns as soon as they are available.

15. If Respondent is a Corporation, respond to the following requests:

- a. provide a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Respondent.
- b. provide Respondent's financial statements for the past five fiscal years, including, but not limited to those filed with the Internal Revenue Service.
- c. identify all of Respondent's current assets and liabilities and the persons who currently own or are responsible for such assets and liabilities.

RESPONSE: The documents responsive to subpart a. above are contained in Exhibit C hereto. Please note, however, that the information requested in subparts b. and c. is contained in Schedule L of the tax returns produced in response to Information Request No. 14 above.

16. If Respondent is a Partnership, provide copies of the Partnership Agreement.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

17. If Respondent is a Trust, provide all relevant agreements and documents to support this claim.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

VALLET PAINT SERVICE COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO U.S. EPA'S REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 104(e) OF CERCLA AND SECTION 3007
OF RCRA

AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD B. HARTLEY

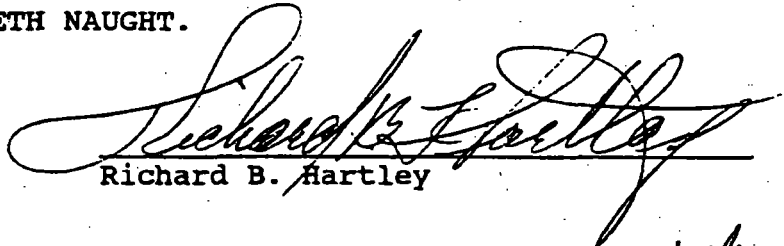
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)ss:
COUNTY OF LUCAS)

I, Richard B. Hartley, being first duly cautioned and sworn,
state as follows:

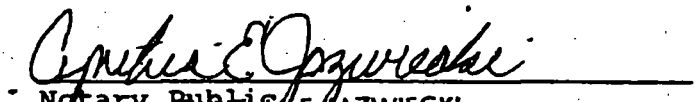
1. I am the President of Vallet Paint Service Company
located at 1808 Adams Street, Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio.

2. With respect to the handling of waste materials by Vallet
Paint Service Company, including the transportation, treatment, and
disposal thereof, between 1950 and 1980, a diligent record search
has been completed, and a diligent interviewing process with
present and former Vallet Paint Service Company employees who were
located and who may have such knowledge has been conducted.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


Richard B. Hartley

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 10th
day of April, 1993.


Notary Public, Cynthia E. JAZWIECKI
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires June 29, 1994

VALLET PRINT SERVICE CO.
34-4431759
1-31-88

The above taxpayer is a component member of a controlled group and, hereby, consents to the apportionment of the 100,000.00 surtax exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 1561(a) and the regulations thereunder.

In accordance with Regulation 1.1561-3(b) (1), the following information is hereby submitted:

- a) Name of Component Member VALLET PRINT SERVICE CO.
Address 1808 ADAMS STREET
Taxpayer Identification Number 34-4431759
Taxable Year Ending 1-31-88
Amount of Apportionment FULL AMOUNT OF EACH BRACKET
District Office where Original of Consent Statement
was/will be filed CINCINNATI
- b) Name of Component Member ENTERPRISE ONE INC.
Address 2425 GODDARD RD., TOLEDO OH
Taxpayer Identification Number 34-1337516
Taxable Year Ending 4-30-88
Amount of Apportionment NO AMOUNT OF EACH BRACKET
District Office where Original of Consent Statement
was/will be filed CINCINNATI

EXHIBIT C

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

-- of --

INCORPORATORS, SHAREHOLDERS & DIRECTORS

-- of --

VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO.

Incorporated under the General Corpo-
ration Act of the State of Ohio.

VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO.

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 19th day of December, 1950, Joseph A. Yager, Joseph D. Stecher and Helen Corkins, all of whom are citizens of the United States, the persons hereinafter named as subscribers to the Articles of Incorporation, desiring for themselves, their associates, successors and assigns, to become a body corporate, under the laws of the State of Ohio, under the name of

VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO.

did subscribe and acknowledge, according to law, certain Articles of Incorporation, as follows, to-wit:-

VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation, for profit, under the General Corporation Act of Ohio, do hereby certify:

- First: The name of said corporation shall be VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO.
- Second: The place in Ohio where its principal office is to be located is City of Toledo, Lucas County.
- Third: The purpose or purposes for which it is formed are -
- (a) To conduct a general sales agency and to manufacture, buy, sell, and otherwise deal in paints, varnishes, lacquers, brushes, compressors, tools, spraying equipment, machinery, appliances and parts, accessories, supplies and other merchandise and products of every kind and description;
 - (b) To acquire, buy, purchase, lease, exchange, or otherwise own, use, manage, develop, improve and mortgage real estate, or any interest or right therein, and to own, erect, construct, rebuild, repair and manage and control improvements on part or all of said real estate, or any part thereof, and to do any and all things necessary or incident thereto;

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(c) To do any and every thing necessary, suitable, convenient or proper for the accomplishment of any one or all of the objects and purposes heretofore enumerated, which shall at any time appear to be conducive to or expedient for the interest or benefit of the corporation and its shareholders.

The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as purposes and powers and it is expressly provided that the enumeration herein of specific powers and purposes shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers of said corporation.

Fourth: The number of shares which the corporation is authorized to have outstanding is two hundred and fifty (250), all of which shall be without par value.

Fifth: The amount of capital with which the corporation will begin business is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 19th day of December, 1950.

Joseph A. Yager
Joseph D. Stecher
Helen Corkins

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

I, CHARLES F. SWEENEY, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is an exemplified copy, carefully compared by me with the original record now in my official custody as Secretary of State, and found to be true and correct, of the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO., filed in this office on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1950, and recorded in Volume 605 Page 25 of the Records of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Columbus, Ohio, this 21st day of December, A.D. 1950.

CHARLES F. SWEENEY
Secretary of State

SEAL

FURTHER be it known that the persons hereinafter named as incorporators, on the aforesaid 19th day of December, 1950, executed an appointment of J. F. Vallet, 424 Front Street, Toledo, Ohio, as statutory agent for the corporation, which appointment was thereupon accepted in writing by him, and said incorporators also approved and executed an application for exempting the issuance of the capital stock of the corporation under the Securities Act of the State of Ohio.

FRANK J. LAUSCHE
Governor.



ROBERT L. MOULTON
Director of Commerce.

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
DIVISION OF SECURITIES
COLUMBUS 15

ERNEST CORNELL, Chief of Division

CERTIFICATE

Acknowledging Registration of Securities Transactions Pursuant to O. G. C. 8624-6

Issuer: VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO. File No.: 60422

The Division of Securities has received for filing a description pursuant to the provisions of Sub-section 1 of O. G. C. 8624-6 relating to proposed sales by Issuer of the following securities:

250 shares of No Par Common Stock, to be sold
at \$100.00 per share.

The Division acknowledges receipt of the statutory \$10.00 fee applicable to the filing of said description and advises that the registration is effective as of December 30, 1950.
An offering and sale of the securities registered may be made pursuant to the terms of the description. A sale on any other terms will require a new registration.

The Division has also recorded Issuer's claim of an exempt initial sale, pursuant to O. G. C. 8624-4(13) of certain of Issuer's voting shares described as follows:

NONE.

The acknowledgment does not constitute an approval of the securities above described nor of the terms of their sale. Responsibility for the truthfulness of the information given in said filing and for adherence to the plan of sale therein set forth rests with the Issuer, subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the Division of Securities as provided in the Ohio Securities Act, including the disciplinary powers set forth in O. G. C. 8624-16.

Yager & Stacher,
Attorneys at Law,
603 Toledo Trust Bldg.,
Toledo 4, Ohio.

WBW/DF

Ernest Cornell
CHIEF OF DIVISION.

January 2, 1951.

DATE

W. B. Wilson, Jr.
W. B. WILSON, JR. EXAMINER

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MEETING OF INCORPORATORS

Toledo, Ohio,
January 2, 1951.

Minutes of meeting of incorporators of VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO., held at 603 Toledo Trust Building, Toledo, Ohio, on the 2nd day of January, 1951 at 10 o'clock A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Joseph A. Yager who, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, was chosen Chairman of the meeting. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, Joseph D. Stecher was chosen Secretary of the meeting. All of the incorporators were present throughout the meeting.

The Chairman reported that the Articles of Incorporation and the Appointment of Agent, executed by the incorporators, had been duly filed with the Secretary of State of Ohio, and that acknowledgment had been received from the Division of Securities, Department of Commerce of the State of Ohio, of the registration of the capital stock to be issued by the corporation. It was ordered that the original Articles of Incorporation, received from the Secretary of State, and the Certificate of Acknowledgment from the Division of Securities, be attached to the record of the proceedings.

The Chairman then stated that the first business was to order

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the opening of books of subscription to the shares of the corporation. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that books be opened for subscription to the shares of the corporation, at 603 Toledo Trust Building, Toledo, Ohio, at the price of \$100.00 per share.

Books of subscription to purchase the shares of the corporation were then opened, and the following subscriptions for said shares were received to-wit:

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We hereby subscribe for the number of common shares without par value of VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO., set opposite our respective names, and agree to pay therefor the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per share, in cash, as follows:

<u>Subscriber</u>	<u>No. of Shares</u>
<u>J. F. Vallet</u>	148
<u>Marion U. Vallet</u>	1
<u>Raul Vallet</u>	1

The Chairman stated that no other subscriptions appear to be obtainable at this time. Whereupon, Joseph D. Stecher moved that the books of subscription for shares of the corporation be closed. The motion was seconded by Helen Corkins, and upon being put to vote, was unanimously carried. Thereupon, the Chairman

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announced that the books of subscription for shares of the corporation had been closed.

It was thereupon ordered, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, that the first meeting of shareholders be held at 603 Toledo Trust Building, Toledo, Ohio, on the 2nd day of January, 1951, at 10:30 A. M., provided notice of such meeting be waived in writing by all the shareholders of the corporation.

The undersigned, being all of the incorporators of VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO., hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the acts and proceedings of the incorporators of said corporation.

Joseph A. Yager
Joseph A. Yager
Joseph D. Stecher
Joseph D. Stecher
Helen Corkins
Helen Corkins

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FIRST MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Toledo, O. January 2, 1951.

The meeting was called to order by J. F. Vallet, who was chosen chairman upon motion duly made, seconded and carried. Joseph A. Yager was chosen secretary of the meeting upon motion duly made, seconded and carried.

All shareholders being present in person, the following waiver of notice of the meeting, signed by all the shareholders, was ordered incorporated in the minutes of the meeting:

WAIVER OF NOTICE.

The undersigned, being all of the shareholders of VALLET PAINT SERVICE CO., hereby waive notice of the time, place and purposes of the first meeting of shareholders of said corporation, and consent that such meeting be held at 603 Toledo Trust Building, Toledo, Ohio, on January 2, 1951 at 10:30 o'clock A.M., for the transaction of any business that may come before the meeting.

Dated at Toledo, Ohio, this 2nd day of January, 1951.

<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Shares</u>
<u>J. F. Vallet</u> J. F. Vallet	148
<u>Marion Q. Vallet</u> Marion Q. Vallet	1
<u>Raul Vallet</u> Raul Vallet	1

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The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to adopt a Code of Regulations, the election of a Board of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

The Chairman then presented to the meeting a proposed form of Code of Regulations for the government of the corporation, and after the various sections had been read and discussed, it was moved by Raul Vallet and duly seconded and unanimously carried, that the Code of Regulations be approved and adopted, and that a copy thereof be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.

Said Code of Regulations is as follows:-

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CODE OF REGULATIONS

ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS OF SHAREHOLDERS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held on the fourth Thursday in January of each year, or on the succeeding business day if that day should be a legal holiday.

Section 2. Place of Meetings. Meetings of shareholders shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, unless the Board of Directors decides that the meeting shall be held at some other place within or without the State of Ohio, which place shall be designated in the notice thereof.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings for a stated purpose or purposes may be called by the President or Vice-President, or by a majority of the Board of Directors acting with or without a meeting, or by the holders of one-half of all of the shares outstanding and entitled to vote thereat. Such special meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, or at such other place within or without the State of Ohio, as may be designated in the call therefor.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. A written notice of each regular and special meeting of shareholders, stating the time and place, and, in case of special meetings, the objects thereof, shall be given to each shareholder appearing on the books of the corporation, by mailing the same to his last known address at least five days before any such meeting.

Section 5. Waiver of Notice. Any shareholder, either before or after any meeting, may waive any notice required to be given by law or under these regulations, and whenever all of the shareholders entitled to vote shall meet, in person or by proxy, and consent to holding a meeting, it shall be valid for all purposes without call or notice, and at such meeting any action may be taken.

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Section 6. Quorum. At any meeting called for any purpose, the holders of shares entitling them to exercise a majority of the voting power of the corporation, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. At any meeting at which a quorum is present, all questions and business which shall come before the meeting, shall be determined by the vote of the holders of a majority of such voting shares as are represented in person or by proxy. At any meeting, whether a quorum is present or not, the holders of a majority of the voting shares represented by shareholders present in person or by proxy, may adjourn, from time to time and from place to place, without notice other than by announcement at the meeting. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified or held.

Section 7. Proxies. Any shareholder of record, who is entitled to attend a shareholders' meeting or to vote thereat, or to assent or give consents in writing, shall be entitled to be present at such meeting or to vote thereat, or to assent or give consents in writing, as the case may be, or to exercise any other of his rights, by proxy or proxies appointed by a writing signed by such shareholder, which need not be sealed, witnessed or acknowledged.

Section 8. Voting. At any meeting of shareholders, each shareholder of the corporation shall, except as otherwise provided by law or by the Articles of Incorporation or by these Regulations, be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy, for each share of the corporation registered in his name on the books of the corporation.

Section 9. Action without Meeting. Any action which may be taken at any meeting of shareholders may be taken without a meeting if authorized by a writing signed by all of the holders of shares who would be entitled to notice of the meeting for such purpose.

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ARTICLE II.

DIRECTORS.

Section 1. Number of Directors. Until changed in accordance with the provisions of this section, the number of directors, none of whom need be shareholders, shall be three. The number of directors may be fixed or changed by resolution at any annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, adopted by the vote of the holders of shares present in person or by proxy entitling them to exercise a majority of the voting power on such proposal, but no reduction shall have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of his term of office.

Section 2. Election of Directors. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of shareholders, but when the annual meeting is not held or directors are not elected thereat, they may be elected at a special meeting called and held for that purpose.

Section 3. Term of Office. Directors shall hold office until the annual meeting next succeeding their election and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 4. Vacancies. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Directors through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining directors, by an affirmative vote of a majority thereof, may elect a successor to hold office for the unexpired term and until the election of his successor. Shareholders entitled to elect directors shall have the right to fill any vacancy in the Board of Directors (whether the same has been temporarily filled by the remaining director or not), at any meeting of shareholders called for that purpose, and any directors elected at such meeting of shareholders shall serve until the next annual election of directors and until their successors are elected and qualified.

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ARTICLE III.

POWERS OF DIRECTORS.

Section 1. General Powers of Board. The powers of the corporation shall be exercised, its business and affairs conducted, and its property controlled by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Other Powers. Without prejudice to the general powers conferred by or implied in the preceding section, the directors, acting as a Board, shall have power:

- (a) To fix, define and limit the powers and duties of all officers and to fix the salaries of all officers.
- (b) To appoint, and at their discretion, with or without cause, to remove or suspend, such subordinate officers, assistants, managers, agents and employees as the directors may, from time to time, deem advisable and to determine their duties and fix their compensation.
- (c) To require any officer, agent or employee of the corporation to furnish a bond for faithful performance, in such amount and with such sureties as the Board may approve.
- (d) To designate a depositary or depositaries of the funds of the corporation and the officer or officers or other persons who shall be authorized to sign checks, notes, drafts, contracts, deeds, mortgages and other instruments on behalf of the corporation; and
- (e) To establish such rules and regulations respecting the issuance and transfer of shares

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and certificates for shares as the Board of Directors may consider reasonable, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Code of Regulations.

Section 3. Meetings. A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the adjournment of each shareholders' meeting, at which directors are elected, and notice of such meeting need not be given. The Board of Directors may, by resolution, provide for other meetings of the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time upon call of the President or of the Vice-President or any two members of the Board.

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be mailed to each director, addressed to him at his residence or usual place of business, at least three days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, or shall be sent to him at such place by telegraph or given personally or by telephone not later than the day before the day on which the meeting is to be held. Every such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting, but need not state the purposes thereof. Notice of any meeting of the Board need not be given to any director, however, if waived by him in writing, whether before or after such meeting be held, or if he is present at such meeting, and any meeting of the Board shall be a legal meeting without any notice thereof having been given, if all the directors shall be present thereat.

All meetings of the Board shall be held at the principal office of the corporation, or at such other place, within or without the State of Ohio, as the Board may determine from time to time, and as may be specified in the notice of the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided that whenever less than a quorum is present at the time and place appointed for any meeting of the Board, a majority of those present may adjourn from time to time without notice other than by announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

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Section 5. Compensation. The directors, as such, shall not receive any salary for their services, but by resolution of the Board, a fixed sum and expense of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attending each regular or special meeting of the Board; provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any director from serving the corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.

Section 6. By-Laws. For the government of its actions the Board of Directors may adopt by-laws consistent with the Articles of Incorporation and this Code of Regulations.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

Section 1. General Provisions. The officers of the corporation shall be a PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY and TREASURER, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time select. Such officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The President and Treasurer shall be, but other officers need not be, chosen from among the members of the Board of Directors. Any two or more of such offices, other than that of President and Vice-President, may be held by the same person.

Section 2. Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board of Directors and unless sooner removed by the Board of Directors until the organization meeting of the Board of Directors following the date of their election and until their successors are chosen and qualified. The Board of Directors may remove any officer at any time, with or without cause, by a majority vote. A vacancy in any office, however created, shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. The PRESIDENT shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation, preside at all meetings of the shareholders and directors, sign the records thereof, and all certificates of stock, perform the general duties devolving upon presidents of like corporations, and such other duties as shall, from time to time, be required of him by the shareholders or directors.

Section 2. The VICE-PRESIDENT shall be vested with all the powers and duties of the President, in the President's absence, unless, however, such powers and duties are imposed upon some other officer of the company by the Board of Directors, and the Directors may, from time to time, impose and confer such powers upon the Vice-President as they shall deem proper.

Section 3. The SECRETARY shall keep the minutes of all proceedings of the shareholders and directors of this corporation and make proper record of same, which shall be attested by him. He shall keep such books as may be required by the Board of Directors, shall act as Secretary at all shareholders' meetings, shall have charge of the stock books of the corporation, shall issue and sign all certificates of stock, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the shareholders or directors.

Section 4. The TREASURER shall have custody of all money and securities of the corporation and shall give bond, in such sum and with such sureties as the directors may require, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his office. He shall keep regular books of account and shall submit them, together with his vouchers, receipts, records and other papers, to the directors for their examination and approval as often as they may require, and shall perform all such other duties as are incident to his office.

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ARTICLE VI.

CERTIFICATES FOR SHARES.

Section 1. Form and Execution. Certificates for shares of stock in this corporation shall be numbered, entered on the corporation's books as issued, signed by the PRESIDENT and SECRETARY, and sealed with the corporate seal. Such certificates shall certify the number of fully-paid shares and shall be issued to each shareholder in such form as shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Transfer. Such certificates for shares shall be transferrable in person or by attorney, but, except as hereinafter provided in the case of lost, mutilated or destroyed certificates, no transfer of shares shall be entered upon the records of the corporation until the previous certificates, if any, given for the same, shall have been surrendered and cancelled.

Section 3. Lost, Mutilated or Destroyed Certificates. If any certificate for shares is lost, mutilated or destroyed, the Board of Directors may authorize the issue of a new certificate in place thereof, upon such terms and conditions as it deems advisable. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may refuse to issue such new certificate until the corporation has been indemnified to its satisfaction.

ARTICLE VII.

SEAL.

The Board of Directors shall provide a suitable seal, containing the name of the corporation, of which seal an imprint is affixed on the margin hereof.

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ARTICLE VIII.

PROXIES.

Section 1. Any shareholder owning or holding votable stock of the corporation may, through a written proxy, authorize another to vote for him at any shareholders' meeting, but said proxy must be filed with the Secretary before the person authorized thereby can vote thereunder.

ARTICLE IX.

RECORDS.

Section 1. Accurate records of the organization of the corporation, of the meetings of shareholders and directors, and of all proceedings of the corporation, shall be kept in books provided for that purpose. The record of proceedings of shareholders and directors shall be signed by the presiding officer and attested by the secretary. Shareholders and directors may also validate the proceedings of meetings of shareholders and directors respectively by signing the records of such meetings.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. This Code of Regulations may be altered, amended or repealed and new regulations may be adopted at any meeting of shareholders called for that purpose, by the affirmative vote of the holders of record of shares entitling them to exercise a majority of the voting power on such proposal, or, without a meeting, by the written consent of the holders of record of shares entitling them to exercise two-thirds of the voting power on such proposal.